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The following tabulation contains descriptive data and sketches of ordnance depots which were previously used by the German Army. Most of these installations were taken over undamaged by the Soviets in 1945. This applies above all to the former ammunition depots. Generally, these ammunition depots have been designed along identical lines and therefore closely resemble each other as to their layout and storage capacity. The ammunition depots usually include administrative buildings, workshops, garages and on the average 80 to 100 standard ammunition storage bunkers spread over an area of about 200 hectares. Each concrete ammunition bunker which is protected with an earth revetment has a storage capacity of approximately 30 tons. The average total storage capacity of a former German Army ammunition depot is up to 20,000 tons. The individual ammunition storage bunkers are connected by surfaced roads and in many cases also by railroad tracks. In detail the following information is known about the installations listed:

1. Altenhain: A former German Army ammunition depot, dating from 1938 and 1939, 18 halls and about 100 ammunition bunkers with a total storage capacity of 20,000 tons; allegedly undestroyed, used since 1945 by the Soviets as ammunition depot and ordnance depot; workshops 25X1 are available. The ammunition depot is used by the 8th Gds Army,  the ordnance depot by a unit of the same army
2. Altenburg: A former German Army ration supply depot. Two large 6-story 25X1 houses are available. Prior to 1953, the installation had been used by VEAB, in 1953, a spur track was built to the installation, to which the Marbach depot moved in early 1954. The installation is used as a Soviet ration supply depot by  25X1 the 8th Gds Army.
3. Altengrabow: A former German Army ammunition depot with filling plant at the southwestern edge of Camp Altengrabow; storage capacity about 20,000 tons. Soviet ammunition has been stored there the spring of 1951. In 1953 and 1954, the installation received the heaviest ammunition shipments of all Soviet ammunition depots in the GDR. In 1955, this depot ranked second after Torgau in ammunition shipments from the USSR. The installation is used by

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[ ] GSFG or the 3rd Shock Army; the ordnance depot is used by  
[ ] the 3rd Shock Army.

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4. Aschersleben: A former German Army ammunition depot located in the former Askania and Winningsen Potash mines at the northwestern edge of Aschersleben. The installation was allegedly not destroyed. The mines contain 40 ammunition storage rooms each with a storage capacity of 100 tons, 5 above-ground storage sheds each with 8,000 square meters of floor space are also available. There are no indications that the installation has been used by the Soviets since 1951.
5. Biesenthal:
  - a. former German dog-kennel at Biesenthal railroad station. The installation is an ordnance depot with an attached gun repair shop of the 4th Gds Mecz Army.
  - b. Vorwerk (outlying estate), two kilometers north of Biesenthal, a former German Air Force ordnance depot. The installation is used as an ammunition dump for the 24th Air Army and probably serves Finow airfield.
6. Dannerwalde: A former German ammunition depot with a storage capacity of about 10,000 tons. The installation serves as ammunition dump for [ ] the 2nd Gds Mecz Army and as an ordnance depot of the same army.
7. Eberswalde: Waldeslust ammunition depot, formerly run by the German Air Force, and branch plant of the Brass and Copper Works at Finow; storage capacity about 10,000 tons. The installation is used as an ammunition depot of the 4th Gds Mecz Army.
8. Fuerstenwalde:
  - a. Former German army ration supply depot on Lindenstrasse, now used as a supply depot [ ] which is subordinate to GSFG.
  - b. Former German army engineer depot, which continues to be used as an engineer depot [ ] of GSFG.
9. Gorgast: A former fort of the fortress of Kuestrin, which was converted into a central KVP ordnance depot.
10. Guestrow-Priemerwald: Former German Army Ammunition depot, which was not destroyed at the end of the war. In 1955, the Soviets handed over the installation to the KVP. Storage capacity: 20,000 tons of ammunition. Official designation: "Zentrales Munitionslager der KVP Klueess."
11. Hennersdorf: "Industriellager 11", which was taken over by the KVP as a central ordnance depot in 1951.
12. Hohenleipisch: A former German Air Force ammunition depot with a storage capacity of 30,000 tons. The installation is used as an ammunition depot [ ] which is subordinate to GSFG.
13. Jueterbog:
  - a. Former German Army ammunition depot with filling station at Jueterbog-Altes Lager. One portion of the installation is used as an ammunition dump [ ] of the 3rd Gds Mech Army; the eastern portion of the installation is used as an ordnance depot by the same army and GSFG.
  - b. Former German ration supply depot at Jueterbog-Neues Lager. The installation serves as a ration supply depot and clothing depot of the 3rd Gds Mech Army.

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14. **Mockrehna:** Former German Air Force ammunition depot with a storage capacity of about 20,000 tons. The installation is used for storage of ammunition by [ ] GSFG.
15. **Neubrandenburg:** Former Torpedo-Testing Station. The installation is used as a central KVP tank repair shop; 30 tanks are overhauled there per month.
16. **Cranienbaum-Kapen:** The former German Army ammunition depot at Dessau-Kapen with attached gas-filling plant. Storage capacity about 20,000 tons. The installation is now used for the storage of ammunition by [ ] GSFG. 25X1
17. **Roederau:** The former German Army ammunition depot at Zeithain, now used for the storage of ammunition and ordnance by [ ] the 1st Gds Mech Army. 25X1
18. **Toepchin:** A former German Army ammunition depot equipped with 70 ammunition storage sheds and allegedly also with facilities for the handling of flame thrower fuel. The installation is used for the storage of ammunition by [ ] GSFG. In 1954, the Toepchin depot ranked second with regard to ammunition shipments from the USSR. 25X1
19. **Wulkow:** The former German Army ammunition depot at Neuruppin. The installation is now used for the storage of ammunition by [ ] GSFG. 25X1
20. **Wolferuh:** The former German Air Force ammunition depot at Koenigsstaedt with a storage capacity of about 10,000 tons. In 1952, the installation was turned over to the KVP. About 8,000 tons of ammunition are at present stored there for the KVP. 25X1



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